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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add before paragraph [0001] the following new sub-headings and paragraph:

**-- PRIORITY CLAIM**

This is a U.S. national stage of application No. PCT/DE2003/002807, filed on 22 August 2003. Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a) and 35 U.S.C. §365(b) is claimed from German Application No. 102 40 454.2, filed 30 August 2002.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

1. **Field of the Invention** --

Please add before paragraph [0002] the following new sub-heading:

-- 2. **Description of the Related Art** --

Please replace paragraph [0004] with the following amended paragraph:

-- **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION** --

Please delete paragraph [0012] in entirety.

Please add before paragraph [0013] the following new sub-heading:

-- **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS** --

Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following amended paragraph:

[0014] Figure 2 shows a schematic top view of the pond filter in Figure 1 with the cover removed to reveal the ~~[filtration]~~ prefiltration unit and with the ~~[filtration]~~ prefiltration unit partly cut away to reveal the filtration unit beneath it.

Please delete the sub-heading before paragraph [0015] and add the following new sub-heading:

-- **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENTLY PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS** --

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] The housing 3 has a transverse axis X and a longitudinal axis Y. A direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axis Y and perpendicular to the transverse axis X is denoted the Z direction. The housing 3 has a ~~[ground-side]~~ bottom 3.5, on which feet 3.6 are constructed to support the housing 3 on a foundation. The water inlet 3.2 is formed at an end of the housing 3 in the Z direction that is distant from the ground. The pond outlet 3.3 is also formed in a part of the housing 3 in the Z direction that is distant from the ground. The channel outlet 3.4 is formed at an end of the housing 3 in the Z direction that is close to the ground.

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following amended paragraph:

[0022] The prefiltration unit 7 encloses a flow chamber 7.8 between the water inlet 3.2 and the filter screen 7.1. The water inlet 3.2 in the flow chamber ~~[7.6]~~ 7.8 can be formed as a single or multiple part. Figure 2 shows two inlets 3.2 into the flow chamber ~~[7.6]~~ 7.8. The flow chamber ~~[7.6]~~ 7.8 is formed parallel to the transverse axis X and extends essentially the width of the filter screen 7.1 in the direction of the transverse axis X.

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

[0023] In the present embodiment, the filter screen 7.1 is designed in three parts, as Figure 2 shows. In other embodiments, the filter screen 7.1 can be designed as a single part, or it can have more than three parts. The filter screen 7.1 is divided parallel to the longitudinal axis Y, so that three oblong filter screen parts are formed. Outlet openings 7.7 are formed in the flow chamber ~~[7.6]~~ 7.8. Each outlet opening 7.7 is assigned to one part of the filter screen 7.1. However, in the case of a one-part filter screen 7.1, several outlet openings ~~[7.4]~~ 7.7 can also be

provided, all of which are then assigned to the one-part filter screen 7.1. In the present invention, at least one outlet opening 7.7 should be assigned to a filter screen part.

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] In the present embodiment, the mounting 7.6 is supported on the housing wall 3.1 in such a way that it can swivel about an axis of rotation S. In other embodiments, the whole prefiltration unit 7 is supported in such a way that it can swivel about the axis of rotation S. Due to the rotatable support of the mounting 7.6, the filter screen 7.1 and the large-pored plastic mat 7.5 can be swiveled from an almost horizontal operating position during the filtration operation into an essentially vertical position and vice versa. ~~[The vertical position is indicated schematically in Figure 1 by a dot-dash line.]~~ This swiveling mechanism makes it easy to gain access to the filtration unit 5, which lies beneath the prefiltration unit 7, when the filtration unit 5 is to be cleaned.

Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following amended paragraph:

[0029] The ~~[flushing]~~ flow chamber ~~[7.6]~~ 7.8 of the prefiltration unit 7 can also have a hose connection 7.11 for flushing water. A UV-C lamp can be installed upstream of the ~~[flushing]~~ flow chamber ~~[7.6]~~ 7.8, so that the water to be purified is disinfected before it enters the filter.

Please insert at page 8, after the heading, the following new sub-heading:

-- What is claimed is: --